Task 3.6 Security and Privacy
Policy Document and Refinement

Task Overview

FSA maintains numerous documents that provide policies and guidance on security related matters. Annual updates ensure the timeliness of the information contained in addition to meeting an associated Federal requirement. Additionally, all FSA policy must be synchronized with Department of Education and Federal guidance to maintain consistency. BearingPoint will review recommended updates to FSA policy documents and determine their applicability given existing requirements.

Task Details

This effort is currently focused primarily on the FSA Information Technology Security and Privacy Policy and the System Security Process Guide. The first draft of this policy document was first made available to the Department in July 2002 for review and comment. Since then, various FSA stakeholders used the opportunity to review the document and provide a number of changes for the next draft of the document. We analyzed these suggested changes and incorporated those that made FSA policy more clear. The associated log was also updated to track the changes.

Task Status

During this deliverable period the focus has been on maintaining and updating and refining the FSA Information Technology Security and Privacy Policy to ensure their value and align them with Department guidance.

Currently, some of the documents that have been created earlier in the year, for example the Security and Privacy Roles and Responsibilities, are evolving as they are reviewed by internally and in the course of their implementation. The changes are being incorporated on an ongoing basis. Additional documents are created as needed in response to issues as they arise; this was the situation for the open source software document.